

NS FUSION

NS Fusion is a five-year project designed to engage young people and the community of North Solihull in sport and physical activity. Aimed at young people aged 10-24 years, it runs from April 2006 to March 2011 and has four elements:

- * Mobile evening activity sessions at crime hotspot locations within the wards of Kingshurst and Fordbridge, Smith's Wood and Chelmsley Wood.
- * Sporting and learning opportunities at 'Pathway' venues including Smith's Wood Sports College and North Solihull Sports Centre.
- * Holiday activity programme.
- * New Deal Welfare to Work training programme for 18-24 year old unemployed young people.

The £500,000 project is funded by:

- * Sport England Community Investment Fund (National Lottery) £150,000
- * Solihull Council £160,000
- * The North Solihull Partnership (which is delivering the £1.8bn, 15-year Regenerating North Solihull programme) £75,000
- * Jobcentre Plus £28,000

Other partners include Pertemps People Development Group, central government through the Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA) New Deal Welfare to Work initiative, Solihull Community Housing, Groundwork Birmingham and Solihull, npower, West Midlands Police and the Solihull Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) - a thematic group of the Solihull Partnership.

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